

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldog basketball team for winning the James C. Haile Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those athletes and athletic teams who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such team is the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldog basketball team, whose members and coaches proved themselves worthy of praise and admiration by virtue of their victory at the James C. Haile Class A State Championship, the perfect finish to their perfect season record of 20-0; and

WHEREAS, traveling to Murfreesboro for the state tournament, the Bulldogs crushed Lebanon's Friendship Christian School 68-14 in the first round, vanquished Smyrna's Thurman Francis School 44-33 in the quarterfinals, and defeated the team from Hilham 53-16 to advance to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, taking on Pickett County in the final game, the Bulldogs of Celina showcased their tenacious defense and tremendous offensive skills to claim a 52-38 victory and capture the James C. Haile state title; and

WHEREAS, the members of this formidable team at Celina K-8 Junior High School include Joseph Marcom, Gavin Beasley, Jeffery Spivey, Jimmy Burchett, John Hamilton, Kolby Boles, Levi Garrett, Alec Kerr, Aden Smith, Tyler Harris, Sawyer Kerr, Aiden Kirk, Caleb McClerran, Grant Strong, Carson Sharp, Keaton Arms, and manager Jacob Coffelt; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bulldogs epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a tournament championship but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldogs for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the athletes of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldog basketball team upon winning the James C. Haile Class A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.